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We, the four main representatives of the prisoners in the Pelican Bay SHU, recognized as such by CDCR have resumed our hunger strike. Since the end of our last hunger strike almost two years ago, California officials have refused to meaningfully negotiate with us over our reasonable demands, despite our letters to Governor Brown and other officials and many other efforts by us and our supporters. In order to end our peaceful protest, we call on California officials to accept the following demands:

- 1) No indeterminate SHU sentences. SHU confinement shall be solely for determinate terms, not to exceed five (5) years, according to CDCR's established matrix, and only for serious disciplinary rules violations that CDCR already has in its regulations as warranting a determinate SHU sentence. SHU sentences will not be imposed merely for gang membership, associations or affiliations.
- 2) Any SHU term will be imposed only after a disciplinary hearing that utilizes procedures that CDCR already is required to use when it imposes a determinate SHU sentence.
- 3) Administrative Segregation confinement shall be solely used for legitimate investigative purposes, not to exceed ninety days (90), absent formal charges being filed.
- 4) Significant improvements to SHU conditions that would be specified in an agreement to be negotiated between the parties, including but not limited to such basic human needs as monthly phone calls to family or friends, expanded social visiting times, educational and rehabilitation programming, and better food services.
- 5) The prisoners at Pelican Bay SHU reject CDCR's Pilot Step-Down program as effectively continuing indeterminate SHU terms for four (4) years to life. Our alternative proposal is for CDCR to establish a new program in which the approximately 200 prisoners currently incarcerated in the "Short Corridor" cell blocks who do not have a determinate SHU sentence shall be placed in a Management Control Unit (MCU) at PBSP for an observational and transitional period of six months. After six months, if the inmate has been successful in the MCU in that he has not been charged and found guilty of a serious rule violation warranting a determinate SHU sentence, the inmate will be transferred to General Population (GP).
- 6) After six months, if the above described program is deemed successful by a neutral, objective process to be determined by the parties, the other prisoners with indeterminate sentences in the SHU at PBSP and other CDCR SHU facilities shall be transferred to the MCUs for a six month observation/transition period, or to General Population.

- 7) The “End to Hostilities Statement” in which 16 representatives of the different ethnic groups at the Pelican Bay SHU urged all prisoners in California to cease engaging in ethnic violence and hostilities (which to our knowledge has had a significant effect in reducing violence in California prisons) (see attached) shall be posted in all of California prisons bulletin boards and be sent to every inmate under the control of CDCR.
- 8) The incorporation of these proposals in an official consent decree agreed to by CDCR and the appointment of a monitor to oversee the implementation of these proposals.

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